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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 12:00 p.m. Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chairman Kesto.

Members present: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Heise, Johnson, Howrylak, Cole, Runestad, Irwin, Robinson, Chang, Guerra.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Lucido moved to adopt the minutes of April 30, 2015. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4353 (Santana) Animals; animal shelters; animal shelters to deny adoptions under certain circumstances; require, and allow animal shelters to consider prior criminal history before adoption.

HB 4355 (Muxlow) Animals; animal shelters; ICHAT search by animal control shelters and animal protection shelters when allowing an animal adoption; require.

Representative Santana and Representative Muxlow gave an overview of the bills to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Beatrice M. Friedlander, representing the Animal Law Section, State Bar of Michigan, and Attorneys for Animals, testified in support of the bills.

Matt Falk, representing Logan's Law, and Nancy Falk, representing Blue Water Area Humane Society, testified together in support of the bills.

Debora Harris and Renee Salisbury, representing Logan's Law, testified in support of the bills.

Lynne Zalenski, representing Logan's Law, testified in support of the bills.

The following individuals submitted cards on the bills but did not wish to speak:

Bill Zaagman with GCSI, representing the Michigan Humane Society, support.

Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association, support.

Sharon Cross, representing Logan's Law, support.

Michelle M. Ferguson, representing Logan's Law, support.

Dana Eva, representing Logan's Law, support.

Terri Schmitt, representing Logan's Law, support.

Jo Ellen Edwards, representing Logan's Law, support.

Mia McNeil, representing Protect Michigan Dogs, neutral.

Kelly Cline, representing Logan's Law, support.

Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, neutral.

Alicia Prygoski, representing the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund at Cooley Law School, support.

Vicki Deisner, representing the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), support and submitted written testimony.

Bob Darden, representing the Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs, support with amendments and submitted written testimony.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Kesto adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:37 p.m.

Representative Klint Kesto, Chair_____

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